

CARRANZA OFFICIALLY INFORMED THAT UNITED STATES WILL PROTECT BORDER WHATEVER THE CONSEQUENCES MAY BE

Note Is Sent First Chief of Mexico Rejecting Demand for Withdrawal of American Troops and Warning Him That an Attack on U. S. Soldiers Will Lead to Gravest Consequences—Carranza Accused of Precipitating War Crisis—His Imputations of Bad Faith on Part of Washington Are Repudiated—Reply Is Expected within 48 Hours.

Washington, June 20.—The issue of war or peace with Mexico hung in the balance to-night awaiting General Carranza's decision as to the course he will pursue. Officials here believed that forty-eight hours might bring a clear understanding of what the immediate future has in store.

A note signed by Secretary Lansing, conveying President Wilson's rejection of the demand for withdrawal of American soldiers from Mexico accompanied by a specific warning that an attack on the troops "will lead to the gravest consequences," was telegraphed to Mexico city to-day by Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate. In plain terms it accuses General Carranza of having brought matters to the verge of war by open hostility toward the United States and failure to safeguard even the lives of Americans in Mexico or on the border from the lawless elements among his countrymen.

In sternest terms, the note repudiates and resents imputations of bad faith and ulterior motives brought against the Washington government in the Mexican communication to which it is a reply. General Carranza is informed in so many words that protection of its own borders is the only object sought by the United States; and is told that the object will be pursued whatever the consequences may be.

When the note had been handed to Mr. Arredondo for delivery to his chief, copies were sent to all embassies and legations for their information. A summary was telegraphed to Special Agent Rodgers in Mexico City that he might wisely counsel Americans resident there. He will not communicate it to Carranza officials.

Mr. Rodgers reported during the day that he had arranged for a refugee train to carry Americans and other foreigners from Mexico City to Vera Cruz. He will remain at his post unless a declaration of war or a deliberate act of war by the de facto government should make it necessary for him to leave.

PLANS TO SEND GUARDMEN SOUTH
While the United States awaits Carranza's next move, steps to make the border secure against further invasion are being taken. Mobilization of the national guardmen is proceeding expeditiously in all states, and plans for sending some of them southward in response to a request from General Pershing are under way. Secretary Lansing to-day described the policy of the government as being founded only on a desire to protect the border. General Carranza was officially informed of this in the note which went forward to-day.

General Pershing sent a long code despatch to Secretary Baker to-day indicating what portion of the 10,000 guardsmen ordered under arms he needs immediately to station along the border. The points at which he wishes the men mobilized and the proportions of infantry, cavalry and artillery he desires to have at each place were included. Assignment will be made from the first State units to be mustered into the service.

NO STATE TROOPS READY
None of the guardsmen summoned under President Wilson's call are ready to-night for marching orders.

The entire guard of the District of Columbia will be under canvas to-morrow at Fort Myer, Va., ready for muster. Several States also are expected to complete their mobilization by to-morrow night and a decision may then be reached as to which forces will be moved first.

War department officials have been highly gratified at reports of recruiting stations in several States. They also are pleased that the governors of virtually all States having important national guard units, which were not summoned, have sought permission to forward their entire contingents.

No increases in the allotments made are now contemplated. In this connection it was learned that the selections made were designed to furnish the elements of several provisional brigades and that taken as a whole, the regulars and guardsmen represent the units of several field armies into which they might be quickly assembled should war with Mexico come.

FINAL WORD TO CARRANZA.
The note delivered to-day is viewed here as President Wilson's final word to General Carranza. It leaves virtually no question to be settled except one—whether the de facto government will suppress outlaws against Americans. It accuses General Carranza for having permitted bandits "to roam at will through territory contiguous to the United States" while he has been in receipt of "groundless statements of hostility" toward the expedition sent after Villa and "to impute to this government ulterior motives for the continued presence of American troops on Mexican soil."

The purpose of the United States to withhold all arms and ammunition shipments from Mexico "as long as this menace continues" is announced. It was learned today that plans have been laid by the navy and treasury departments to aid in stopping such shipments by water, while the military patrol of the border will close that route.

TO ADD 10,000 TO NAVY.
Another preliminary step taken by the navy was the decision of Secretary Daniels to ask the Senate to add authorization for approximately ten thousand additional enlisted men to

the pending navy bill, which as it passed the House provides for an increase of 10,000 over the present strength.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN.
There was much speculation on all sides to-night as to the probable course of the President should Carranza order an attack on General Pershing's men in the face of the American government's solemn warning. It was generally believed that the hint contained in Secretary Lansing's note that military occupation of northern Mexico had been considered as an alternative at times when the situation beyond the border appeared critical, might indicate the plan of action should war now be forced on the nation. It was regarded as possible that a general advance from the border to a line paralleling the head of General Pershing's column at Nampiqua might be undertaken. With American forces disposed along such a line, holding important towns and strategic points from the Pacific to the Gulf coast, there could be no fear of serious hostilities at the border. Any advancing Mexican force would be subject to attack from the rear should it move northward of this advanced line.

NO FEAR FOR PERSHING.
There is no fear here for the safety of General Pershing and his men. The exact disposition of the troops, except the number now beyond the border, constitute military secrets. There is reason to believe, however, that between 1,000 and 2,000 regulars are posted at the advance camps or along the line of communications. Relief expeditions also are said to have been organized at various border points, ready to dash forward in flank attacks on any large Mexican force which might attempt to assault General Pershing's extended column or cut him off from his border base of supplies.

Some officials believe that with the present repulse of any attack on American forces and the maintenance of a rigid watch over the supplies that enter the country, complete occupation could be carried on with little fighting after the lapse of a few weeks.

RELIEVE WAR IS IMMINENT.
Army officers and high officials to-night admitted privately their belief that war was imminent, since Carranza had given every indication of a determination to force the issue at any cost, but were disposed to refrain from making any statements that might serve to further inflame the minds of the Mexican people.

For the same reason the proposed resolution to put into immediate effect the National Guard draft provisions of the new army bill was not presented in Congress.

Ambassador Designate Arredondo had arranged to see Secretary Lansing to-day, but withdrew his request for an appointment after the note had been handed to him. He made no explanation either of the object of his projected call or his reason for cancelling it.

MEXICANS FLEE TO U. S.
War department officials were somewhat amused to-night at a message from the border saying a Carranza military commander, posted near the line, had sent his son into the United States for safety, while he himself prepared to lead his forces against the American army if war is to come. They also noted border advices that Mexican civilians fleeing to the American side in anticipation of war, had been halted for service in the Mexican army.

ANGRY, BURNED WOMAN'S CLOTHES.
Rutland, June 20.—Because in a fit of anger he set fire to considerable valuable wearing apparel which belonged to his boarding mistress, William Bennett of Proctor was arrested this afternoon.

AMERICAN AND MEXICAN TROOPS NEAR A CLASH

Artillery Menaces Pershing's Soldiers near Nampiqua—Supplies Threatened.

Columbus, N. M., June 20.—Carranza troops and soldiers of General Pershing's expeditionary command south of Nampiqua are on the verge of hostilities, according to reports from the field to-night. A wireless despatch from Col. D. C. Cabell, General Pershing's chief of staff, said that the attitude of the Carranza soldiers was such that American motor truck supply trains are in danger of being fired upon.

The Mexicans are said to have mounted artillery in position menacing the Americans and despatches indicated that with the two commands in close proximity the danger of a clash is increasing.

San Antonio, Texas, June 20.—Facing Carranza's army in northern Mexico there will be stationed along the Rio Grande within a week or ten days an American force that will total, it was stated to-day, almost 20,000 men.

General Frederick Funston has requested the war department to send him as quickly as possible a large part of the national guardmen and advisers received into to-day indicated that entraining of the first troops would begin tomorrow. As first as they arrive in the south they will be sent to the stations chosen. A part will be brought to San Antonio and held here as a reserve, but a part of them will be within sight of Mexico when they set off the trains.

General Funston did not announce how many men he has asked for nor the time to which they will be sent, but it is known that he expects more than a division and it was said that no less than 8,000 men would be sent.

Already the border army, made up of troops of the regular establishment and the militiamen of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, comprises more than 60,000. General Pershing's request for the guardmen was for a number sufficient to give adequate protection to the border.

Reports believed to be reliable reached here to-day that J. R. Sillman, American consul at Saltillo, was on his way to the border.

The best estimates obtainable indicate that Carranza's army now is about 100,000.

RECRUITING FOR COMPANY H
Montpelier Militia Has 65 Men—To Continue Till War Strength of 150 Is Obtained.

Montpelier, June 19.—Following instructions from Col. Ira L. Reeves of Northfield, Captain Joseph H. Bell, commander of Company H, First Infantry, N. G., began recruiting for duty at the armory at an early hour this morning. Work of recruiting was begun at once and by 7 o'clock the company was recruiting officer. War strength is 150 and a company is supposed to recruit up to 65.

Fire Chief E. J. Guerin placed his fire chief's automobile at Captain Bell's disposal at five o'clock this morning.

Capt. Joseph H. Bell was detailed yesterday to General Tillotson by Captain Bell.

Captain Bell has issued orders for five hours' practical military instruction while the company is stationed here. This instruction to include field work, and two hours' theoretical training, the latter probably to be given in the armory.

John T. Cushing, editor of the Messenger, who is second lieutenant and battalion quartermaster in the First Infantry, was ordered this morning to report at Fort Ethan Allen and left at 2:35 o'clock this afternoon.

The members of the United States Rifle Club, J. A. Evans captain, have pledged themselves to a man for any service the government may require. The company consists of 35 active men and a large reserve list of men who have had training in rifle practice and drill. The company will be mobilized at its hall Wednesday evening. This mobilization is to be open to desirable recruits from Franklin county to bring the strength to 125 men.

The Central Vermont Railway company, which is giving all the assistance possible, wired all its men who are members of a military company to be ready to report to their captain for duty by noon to-day.

Young America was much in evidence during the day, several patriotic parades being organized in various sections of the city, the children, some of them not over four years old, marching around the city streets, one of the parades to the strains of martial music beaten on an old tin can. About noon to-day General Tillotson's doorbell rang and when he went to the door he was met by two boys. The younger, William Sullivan, a bright boy of ten years, eight years younger son of Mrs. John T. Sullivan, of South Main street, asked if he could go to war. When asked what he wanted to do he replied, "Play the drum." The other boy apparently was ready to enlist with his young companion.

WELL RECOMMENDED, BUT INTOXICATED
Rutland, June 20.—A humorous situation arose to-day amid the serious scenes of preparation for war at the armory of Company A, V. N. G., when a young man from Fair Haven bearing a written recommendation from a reputable citizen of the village, appeared as an applicant for enlistment in such an intoxicated condition that he could not talk straight. His interview with Capt. R. S. Hyland was brief.

EVEN UP.
A woman who had some knowledge of baseball took a friend to a championship contest.

"Isn't that fine?" said the friend. "We have a man on every base."

"Why, that's nothing," said the friend. "We have three!"—Everybody.

VT. MILITIA READY TO PROCEED TO FT. ETHAN ALLEN

Gen. Tillotson Awaits Orders from Gen. Wood—All Companies Now Ready.

St. Albans, June 20.—Adj. Gen. Lee S. Tillotson is now awaiting orders from the Department of the East command, Major Gen. Leonard A. Wood, before ordering the First Infantry, Vermont National Guard, into camp at Fort Ethan Allen. Major S. S. Watson of Gen. Tillotson's staff went to the reservation to-day. Several of the officers are completing arrangements for the camp which, if necessary, could be occupied at any time.

Gen. Tillotson reports that all of the companies are reported to have recruited up to their minimum strength of 65 men, which is required before they can be accepted, but of course not up to the service strength of 150 men.

Capt. Charles E. Bell of Company B reports his men ready for instant call, being all equipped and baggage ready to be taken to the station. Arrangements have been made at local restaurants for feeding the men.

May E. J. Melville, a surgeon of the regiment, is busy examining recruits. Major Melville is assisted by R. H. McCreary, formed in the naval hospital service. This morning Major Melville gave the men a talk on sanitation, telling particularly of the aims of the surgeon in making examinations of men for the service, and also treating of proper methods of caring for themselves. The men examined were in excellent physical condition generally.

The roster of Company B is about 90 men to-night. Major Melville is putting recruits through a rigid examination. Between 15 and 20 have been rejected and about 15 were awaiting examination this evening.

RECRUITING AT ST. ALBANS
Company B Up to 71—C. V. Railway Company Assisting—2nd Lieut. Cushing Ordered to Post.

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126TH CONVENTION.
Reception Given for Episcopal Diocesan Delegation at Montpelier.

Montpelier, June 20.—An informal reception for the delegates to the 126th annual convention of the Episcopal diocese of Vermont was held in the parish house this evening from 8:30 until 10 o'clock. The convention will organize at nine o'clock to-morrow forenoon in Christ Church and Bishop A. C. Hall of Burlington will deliver a charge. The business meeting will follow.

QUITE THE REVERSE.
Newport—Well, my dear, did the photographer succeed in making the baby look pleasant?

Mrs. Newport—No; the baby succeeded in making the photographer look unpleasant.—Boston Transcript.

VERMONT MILITIA TO MOBILIZE AT FT. ETHAN ALLEN

Brig.-Gen. Tillotson Receives War Department's Order Which He Transmits to Colonel Reeves.

St. Albans, June 19.—The order of President Wilson to mobilize the National Guard of Vermont, preparatory to service either on the Mexican border or in Mexico, was received by Brig.-Gen. Lee S. Tillotson, adjutant-general of the 1st Vermont infantry, at 12:10 this morning. "I have transmitted the order to Colonel Ira L. Reeves, of Northfield, commander of the regiment," said General Tillotson, "and the mobilization will take place at the State reservation near Fort Ethan Allen. The companies will first assemble at their respective home stations and will not leave for the mobilization camp until they have at least 65 per cent. of their full war strength. The order calls for the mobilization of the 1st squadron of the 1st Vermont cavalry, in addition to the 1st Vermont infantry. It is impossible for me to state just how long it will take to mobilize our militia, but we shall have further orders this morning. The regiment is at present in a fair state of efficiency and we can leave for the border within a short time."

CAN MOBILIZE VT. MILITIA IN 18 HOURS

Northfield, June 19.—"I have just received the President's order to mobilize the National Guard of Vermont through Adjutant-General Lee S. Tillotson," said Colonel Ira L. Reeves, commanding officer of the First Vermont Infantry, at an early hour this morning, "and I am now notifying each company commander to hold his company in readiness at the home station. We will receive further orders concerning the mobilization at ten o'clock this morning and can then tell more definitely what our plans must be. The mobilization will take place at the State reservation near Fort Ethan Allen and will include all the troops of the State militia, the first squadron of the first cavalry in addition to the first regiment of infantry."

"If I am ordered to do so," continued Col. Reeves, "I can assemble the entire organized militia of Vermont at the State reservation within 18 hours. The recent mobilization maneuvers at Northfield on May 22, when the entire regiment was assembled by automobile within a few hours, were conducted with a view to receiving just such an order as the President has issued. The equipment of the regiment has been carefully checked and sufficient preliminary arrangements have been made so that the matter of leaving the camp will be merely a question of securing the proper train service."

The organized militia of Vermont, consisting of the First Regiment of Infantry and the First Squadron of the First Cavalry, will mobilize at the State reservation near Fort Ethan Allen at once. All companies must be reported to 65 per cent of their full war strength before leaving their home stations and an effort will be made to fill all companies to capacity. The mobilization camp, The President's order was received shortly after midnight by Brigadier-General Lee S. Tillotson of St. Albans, who immediately transmitted it to Colonel Ira L. Reeves, commanding officer of the regiment, who in turn notified all of the company commanders. Major J. M. Ashley of Burlington was the first officer to be notified of the order by Colonel Reeves and Company C, composed of University of Vermont students, was the first company to receive the mobilization order.

The first regiment of infantry, V. N. G., commanded by Colonel Ira L. Reeves, president of Norwich University, numbers at present approximately 300 men. The first squadron of the first cavalry, V. N. G., which is composed of graduates of Norwich University at Northfield, numbers about 175 men and is commanded by Major Arthur D. Edmunds. The roster of the regimental companies follows:

Company A, Rutland; B, St. Albans; C, Burlington; D, St. Johnsbury; E, Bellows Falls; F, Northfield; G, Winooski; H, Montpelier; I, Brattleboro; K, Springfield; L, Newport; M, Burlington.

LOCAL MILITIAMEN PROMPTLY RESPOND TO CALL TO ARMS

Applicants Flock to Recruiting Offices—Colonel Reeves Issues Order Directing Commanders to Bring Company's Strength to 150—C, G and M Companies Spend Night Encamped on University Campus.

C, G and M companies of the First Regiment of Infantry, Vermont National Guard, passed Monday night encamped on the rear campus of the University of Vermont, the use of which as a camp ground had been offered to the organizations by President Guy Potter Benton of the university. Major J. M. Ashley of Burlington was in command of the camp and the companies were commanded by Captains J. L. Foster of Rutland, J. L. Shoolery of Winooski and William N. Hudson of Burlington. The attached sanitary troops of the Vermont National Guard also mobilized Monday under the command of Dr. F. E. Clark of this city, captain commanding.

A second order was issued to the various company commanders Monday morning by Col. Ira L. Reeves of Northfield, commanding officer of the regiment, instructing them not to cease their recruiting efforts when their companies had secured 65 per cent. of their required strength, but to secure 150 men for each company. Colonel Reeves also ordered that the new recruits be furnished such equipment as the company officers had on hand and that all men receive five hours' practical work and two hours' theoretical work daily. Even after the companies have gone to camp one officer will remain at each armory for recruiting duty.

Capt. W. N. Hudson, First Lieut. H. E. Walker and Second Lieut. C. L. Maloney of Company M were at the armory at six o'clock Monday morning to receive enlistment applications. Reports came so thick and fast during the day that the medical officer was not able to examine all of the applicants, so that only a comparatively small number of new men were added to the company's roster during the day, bringing the total numerical strength to 88.

The first man to offer his services to Captain W. N. Hudson was General Theodore S. Peck of this city, who fought valiantly in defense of his country throughout the Civil War and served for 25 years in the Vermont National Guard, an enlisted soldier according to his enlistment application, is 73 years old, and 5 feet, 5 3/4 inches in height, and is as ready now to face Mexican bullets as when a mere youth in his teens he became acquainted with the song of the shells fired by his own countrymen. General Peck, after serving throughout the Civil War for 16 years as a troop commander in the Vermont National Guard and served 9 years as adjutant-general of Vermont, serving on the staff of 10 governors. He was discharged from the guard in 1900. Captain Hudson thanked General Peck for the offer of his services and spoke of the excellent example he was affording the young men of the city. Other new recruits were Roy Thompson, Daniel Durrum, Paul Rousseau and Leon Bacon.

The present roster of M company is as follows: W. N. Hudson, captain; H. E. Walker, first lieutenant; C. L. Maloney, second lieutenant; E. H. Nelson, first sergeant; S. J. Curtis, second sergeant; V. W. Curry and A. J. Lucks, sergeants; corporals, Homer Fairbanks, E. L. Daniels, A. A. DeForest, A. Brown, E. L. Isham, Arthur E. L. Church and John Blanchard, cooks; W. E. Andrews and Leroy C. Bryant, musicians; privates, R. C. Barry, Edward Rogers, Roscoe V. S. Benson, Louis C. Bacon, Le. F. Carter, George D. Chase, Clifford Goodwin, Daniel Durrum, P. A. Fuller, H. B. Farrington, Fred Carey, E. A. Goodwin, Michael Hanlon, E. A. Hughes, Edmund Hathaway, A. E. Kirby, Joseph Layton, C. O. Linde, A. W. Lacey, George Moser, Paul Martin, Rufus Maynard, A. Moss, H. T. Nelson, S. C. Nye, M. E. Patterson, A. L. Provost, L. Provost, Frank Pike, John Reed, Thomas Riley, A. W. Shattuck, J. J. Shortt, etc.

NEW IMMIGRATION BUILDING ESTEY URGES INCREASED PAY
Ground Is Broken at St. Albans for United States and Canadian Immigration Service Headquarters.

St. Albans, June 20.—A new building to be used as headquarters for the United States and Canadian immigration service, a detention office, United States customs office, a railroad mail office and offices for the railroad companies will soon be erected north of the railway passenger station. Ground was broken today. The station, which is a broken building, will be replaced by a new building, which will be 145 feet long and 100 feet wide. The second floor will be occupied by the railroad and customs offices. Between the new building and the passenger station will be a 12-foot driveway.

The immigration department will have separate detention rooms for men and women. No part of the new building will be the headquarters of the immigration officers. Although the headquarters of the United States customs office will remain in the federal building, the new building will also contain an office for the train officers. The railway mail room will be in the south end of the building.

BURR AND BURTON SENDS OUT 21
(Special to the Free Press.)
Manchester, June 20.—The 21st commencement exercises of Burr and Burton Seminary, the oldest endowed preparatory school in the State, are being completed to-day. The graduating exercises were held in the gymnasium hall this afternoon with the Rev. Arthur H. Bradford of Rutland as the speaker of the day. There are 21 members in the graduating class and they are divided as follows as regards courses: Latin-scientific, five; English, three; English commercial, three; and English teacher training course, eight. Last evening there were 73 graduates and friends of the seminary present at the biennial banquet of the Junior Alumni association at the Equinox House. The festivities closed with the senior hop at the gymnasium this evening.

EIGHT BIDS OPEN.
To Announce Award Later for Printing of Report of Revision Committee.

Montpelier, June 20.—Eight bids were opened by State Purchasing Agent Dewey T. Hanley at the State House to-day on the proposals to contract for the printing of the report of the revision committee. The purchasing agent advised for bids at the request of the committee which must make a report of their work to the next Legislature. The report of a similar committee 10 years ago was published by the Free Press company. The awarding of the contract will not be announced until later.

Former Vermont Regiment Commander Wires Governor Gates Approving Action toward Extra Pay for Troops.

Brattleboro, June 20.—Col. J. G. Estey, former commander of the Vermont National Guard, sent to Governor Gates this afternoon the following telegram: "I earnestly urge you to consider the question of taking the necessary action to provide extra or State pay for Vermont troops responding to the President's call. I believe all citizens will approve action to this end and as was done in 1898. Respectfully, signed J. G. Estey."

DEGREE FOR CUNNINGHAM
Middlebury Professor Given Doctor of Letters at Furman University.

Middlebury, June 20.—Word has been received that Prof. J. Watts Cunningham of Middlebury College has been honored with the degree of doctor of letters at the recent commencement of Furman University, South Carolina. Dr. Cunningham is a graduate of Furman and delivered the literary address at the recent commencement. He has recently published several philosophical treatises which have attracted wide attention. He came to Middlebury from Cornell as instructor in philosophy, was promoted a few years later to an assistant professorship, and last year was made Boardman professor of philosophy.